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Dr. Adolf SCHAEFER, present Vice-Chancellor, is the socialist candidate for the post of Prime Minister. He allegedly intends to become both Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. Dr. Ernst KOREF, Nationalrat and burgomaster of LINZ, is to be state secretary and will be charged with settling official affairs of the Foreign Ministry. Dr. KOREF is considered as the leading expert of the Socialist Party Austria with regard to foreign affairs. He has an excellent knowledge of languages (English, French, Italian, Russian). The information supplied by the publications of the Association of the Independents, stating that Julius DEUTSCH, State Secretary for Army Affairs at the beginning of the First Republic and later a general in the Spanish Civil War, was supposed to become Foreign Minister in case the Socialists received a majority, does not agree with information from leading socialist personalities.

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